

**To:** Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]  
**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 2:10:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Oh – ok sorry. Yes just send it through the JIC now.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 8:07 AM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

I didn't mean you, Lisa. The e-mail was addressed to several people. Sorry for any confusion.

LaTosha in EOC just asked for clarification and I told them the same. My understanding is they're supposed to get approval for any response submitted by a national program office.

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:03 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert

**Subject:** RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Why do we need to approve what Nancy sent? If she's OSWER I would think that's good! I think you need to send it through JIC!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 7:15 AM

**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

**Cc:** Lee, Monica; EOC Public Information; Press

**Subject:** EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Lisa, I don't have a prepared response on this and I'm sure this is fine to use for Q and A.

What matters to me is getting at least the OSWER part of this inquiry, the one dealing with abandoned mines across the US, to this reporter as soon as possible. The reporter has been waiting for a response for one week.

Obviously, it's great If JIC – presumably? - can respond to his questions on Animas River, but can we PLEASE get approval for the paragraph Nancy Cohen sent? Again, I forwarded this on

Monday.

Thanks all, R.

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Cc:** Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Or do you have a prepared response on it? We are getting some of these and it seems someone in OSWER could address these more general questions or that we could send out a statement like this one. Perhaps for the Q&A doc as well?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

Robert: here's our input . . .

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

All, I've sent this inquiry to Region 8 already, but it looks as though OSWER might want to take a look at the first two questions. Please let me know.

If we could get a response by COB Today, the reporter could run the story in tomorrow's paper. Please advise. Thanks, R.

**From:** Karl Mathiesen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Subject:** Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure)?

Best,

Karl

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